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AGRICULTURE - Grow More Food - Groundnut oil cake - Effect of decontrol - Report for the quarter ended 30-9-1949 - Papers recorded.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

From

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To

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Food and Agriculture Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

R.O.C. G.4. 515/49, dated 28/10/49.

Sir,

Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Groundnut oil cake - Effect of decontrol - Report for the quarter ending 30-9-49.
Ref: G.O.No.Ms.6425 - Dev. dated 29-12-1948.

I submit the following report on the effect of decontrol of groundnut oil cake for the quarter ending 30-9-1949.

The statement below summarizes the production of groundnut oil cake in the power driven mills in the Province during the first three quarters of 1945 to 1949.

Year.	January to March.	April to June.	July to September.	January to September.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
1945	62,870	55,947	42,575	161,392	
1946	53,588	49,010	48,422	151,020	
1947	56,623	37,321	33,741	127,685	figures for
1948	29,888	26,865	24,458	81,211	September '49
1949	39,120	30,133	24,881	94,134	incomplete.

3. There was steady decline in the production from 1945 to 48. There is improvement in 1949 although the production during the third quarter has not kept pace with the previous two quarters.

4. Some of the mills are reported to have remained closed especially in the districts of Guntur, Chingleput, Nellore, Tinnevelly, Salem and Mathurai. The produce from the summer crop, confined mostly to the southern districts, came to the market. The prices of kernel ruled high with corresponding high prices for oil on account of the lifting of the ban on exports to Pakistan. The produce from the main crop will be marketed during the next quarter.

5. Scarcity of groundnut cake is reported from East Godavary, West Godavary, Nellore, Chingleput, Tinnevelly, Malabar and South Kanara. In the surplus District generally there was not much dearth of groundnut cake for local consumption. Although South Arcot is a surplus District as the local production was reported to be not sufficient to meet the immediate demands, the previous production having been exported to the deficit districts on the strength of the standing permits issued to millers, an import of 2000 tons of cake into the District was permitted as a special case to ease the situation.

6. The price of groundnut oil cake continued to be high and ranged between Rs.154 and Rs.280 per ton. The prices were particularly high in Nellore (Rs.210 to 259), Salem (Rs.224 to 252 Tiruchirapalle (Rs.230 to 250), Tinnevelley (Rs.231 to 259), Tanjore (Rs.239 to 266), Malabar (Rs.224 to 280) and South Kanara (Rs.250 to 280).

7. With the price of paddy controlled, it does not appear to be within the means of the paddy growers to go in for groundnut oil cake at current high prices for manuring the paddy crop liberally with groundnut oil cake in competition against the growers of commercial crops.

8. By a re-imposition of the control over movements of kernel the production of groundnut oil cake is bound to increase and reach the level in 1945 or even exceed that level and bring down the price of cake.

~~9. While the millers' selling price is not to exceed Rs.200/- per ton loose or Rs.216/8/ per ton including cost of gunny and packing delivery ex.mill, the price for retail sales has not been fixed. If the retail price is fixed at a reasonable level the ex mill prices will adjust themselves and the ryots will be ensured of the rate for groundnut oil cake.~~

10. The decontrol has conferred definitely benefits on the middle men in the expansion of their trade without the corresponding benefits to the ryots either in point of availability or price of groundnut cake.

Sd/- B.N.Lakshmipathi,
Joint Director of Agriculture.

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